THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Desert Development Programme does not cover Andhra Pradesh. Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is, however, being implemented in 69 blocks of 8 districts in Andhra Pradesh. The main thrust of DPAP is on restoration of ecological balance, and optimum utilisation of land, water, livestock and human resources through an integrated area development approach.

DPAP is a centrally sponsored scheme on 50 per cent sharing basis between the Central Government and the State Government. The Central assistance released to Andhra Pradesh under DPAP during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 was as under:

	(*In lakh Rupees*)
1984-85	495.00
1985-86	414.00
1986-87	517.00

Development of twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad

2782. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the sanction of Rs. 820/- crores for the development of the twin cities of Hyderabad, Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard and the amount allocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh included a proposal for twin cities development in their draft annual plan for 1987-88. The proposed outlay was Rs. 885 lakhs. The scheme was discussed in the Working Group discussions for the annual plan in the Planning Commission. The exact amount to be allocated for this scheme is yet to be finalised.

Foodgrains Production

2783. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have fixed the target for foodgrains production for the year 1987 throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the estimated food production in Andhra Pradesh and in other States, State-wise during 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Central Government have fixed the target for foodgrains production fod 1986-87 at 160 million tonnes.

(b) Final estimates of production of foodgrains for the year 1986-87 have not yet been received from many States, since the rabi crops are still to be harvested in most of the States. However, it is currently anticipated that the production of Kharif foodgrains during the year may be around 83.0 to 84.0 million tonnes and that of Rabi foodgrains in the range of 66.0 to 67.0 million tonnes.

Cotton production

2784. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Cotton Corporation of India and the Cotton Advisory Board to improve the cotton production in India in general and in Andhra Pradesh in particular; and

(b) the details of the estimated cotton crop production in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Advisory Board are not directly concerned with increasing the production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh and other States of the Country. However, the Cotton Corporation of India, through price and market support, is encouraging farmers to improve the cotton production in the country.

(b) Final estimates of production of cotton for the crop year 1986-87 are not yet due from various States, including Andhra Pradesh. As such, it will be too early to give the estimated cotton crop production in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987.

Damage of Groundnut Crop due to Leaf Webber Pest in Andhra Pradesh

2785. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leaf webber pest is severe on standing groundnut crop in Rayalaseema districts (Chittoor, Ananthapur, Kurnool and Cuddapah) of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the loss during the last three years district-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. No severe incidence of leaf webber on standing groundnut crop has been reported in Rayalaseema districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Central Assistance to states for drinking water Drought Prone Areas

2786. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide assistance to States for drinking water in the drought-prone areas;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the amount earmarked for this scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Provision of drinking water is a State subject. Projects for providing safe drinking water to rural areas including drought prone areas are planned, formulated and implemented by the States under the State Sector MNP. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Special arrangements for supply of drinking water in the drought prone areas are also made by the State Governments. The State Governments approach the Central Government for allocation of additional assistance in the event of drought conditions resulting in shortage of drinking water.

(c) During 1986-87 a sum of Rs. 17.60 crores has been released under ARWSP for the State of Andhra Pradesh as a whole. There is no earmarking of ARWSP funds for drought prone areas separately. To implement pilot project activities under the Technology Mission on Drinking Water in Villages and Related Water Management in Kurnool district, a sum of Rs. 2.06 crores has been released during 1986-87. A sum of Rs. 10.75 crores for 1986-87 and Rs. 2.45 crores for 1987-88 has been approved as Advance Plan